

MEMORANDUM

TO: Members, Clark Fork Basin Water Management Task Force
FROM: Gerald Mueller, Project Coordinator
SUBJECT: Summary of the June 7, 2004 Meeting
DATE: June 16, 2004

Participants

The following people participated in the Task Force meeting:

Task Force Members:

Eugene Manley	Granite County
Harvey Hackett	Bitter Root Water Forum
Fred Lurie	Blackfoot Challenge
Jim Dinsmore	Upper Clark Fork River Basin Steering Committee
Steve Fry	Avista Corporation
Elna Darrow	Flathead Basin Commission
Phil Tourangeau	Confederated Salish and Kootenai
Matt Clifford	Clark Fork Coalition
Jay Stuckey	Green Mountain Conservation District/Lower Clark Fork Basin
Gail Patton	Sanders County
Marc M. Spratt	Flathead Conservation District
Verdell Jackson	Legislature
Holly Franz	PPL Montana LLC

Staff:

Gerald Mueller	Montana Consensus Council (MCC)
Mike McLane	Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)
Will Harmon	Montana Consensus Council (MCC)

Meeting Goals:

- \$ Review chapters 6 - 9 of the water management plan
- \$ Discuss chapter 10 of the water management plan
- \$ Discuss legislation that may arise from the plan recommendations
- \$ Review the plan summary document
- \$ Schedule meetings on the draft plan
- \$ Review pending Task Force activities

Chapters 6 - 9 of the Water Management Plan

The Task Force reviewed the latest drafts of chapters 6-9 of the draft management plan which had been previously supplied to them. Comments by Task Force members on the draft that were not yet reflected in the latest drafts were also passed out and discussed. Changes to the draft texts identified during the discussion will be incorporated in the next draft of the plan chapters.

Chapter 10 of the Water Management Plan

Prior to this meeting, the Task Force had not yet discussed chapter 10, the heading of which had been listed in the draft plan table of contents as "Plan to Monitor and Evaluate Plan Implementation". The Task Force agreed that chapter 10 should recommend continuation of the Task Force for the following reasons:

- The Task Force is best suited to oversee implementation of the plan;
- The Task Force is broadly representative of the Basin's water interests, and over the past two years, Task Force members have developed a shared understanding about the Basin's water resources, its water management and related issues, and the member concerns and interests; and
- The Task Force could convene an annual meeting of all Basin watershed groups and seek to coordinate their activities in implementing the plan.

The Task Force directed Mr. Mueller and Mr. McLane to prepare a proposed budget to fund continuation of the Task Force. The budget should reflect quarterly meetings of the Task Force plus a meeting of the Basin's watershed groups. Mr. Mueller will also prepare a draft of chapter 10 reflecting the discussion at this meeting, including a categorization of short- and long-term implementation tasks.

Plan Implementing Legislation

This topic was deferred until the next meeting because of time constraints.

Plan Summary Document

Will Harmon, technical writer and editor under contract to the Consensus Council, presented a document summarizing the water management plan. This document will also be amended to reflect discussions at today's meeting and drafts of chapters 10 and 11.

Draft Plan Meetings

The Task Force agreed to conduct public meetings on the draft plan on the following dates and at the listed locations. The meeting would be lead by the local Task Force member, and he or she would carry a press release announcing the meeting to local media.

\$ July 21 - Meeting of the Bitter Root Water Forum at the Hamilton Library.

\$ July 23 - Meeting at the Flathead County fairgrounds.

\$ July 28 - Meeting in Thompson Falls at the Senior Center.

\$ Meeting in Ronan.

\$ Meeting in Missoula of the Blackfoot Challenge.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 21, 2004 at 9:00 a.m. in the DFWP conference room at 3201 Spurgin Road in Missoula. The agenda will include:

\$ Review of all plan chapters; and

\$ Discussion of possible legislation needed to implement the water management plan.